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Melissa Miller-Henson  
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
c/o California Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Miller-Henson:

The National Park Service understands that the California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative is moving to the South Coast and is seeking nominations for South Coast Region Stakeholder Group. We are also aware that the number of stakeholders may be of some concern and that you are evaluating how best to include federal agencies in the stakeholder process.

The National Park Service remains committed to this process and wishes to participate in the South Coast Region Stakeholders Group as the California Resources Agency sees fit. Attached please find a nomination for Russell Galipeau, Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park.

Sincerely,

Jonathan B. Jarvis  
Regional Director, Pacific West Region

Attachment

**Russell E. Galipeau, Jr. Superintendent**  
**Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, CA 93001**  
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I have been a resident of the study region for the past 5 years. During this time I have served as Superintendent of Channel Islands National Park which is composed of Santa Barbara, Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel Islands. Encompassing some 250,000 acres, the park administers approximately 175 miles of coastline and has management authority to 1 mile offshore of each of the islands. The Channel Islands National Park along with Santa Monica National Recreation Area and Cabrillo National Monument comprise the Mediterranean Network of the Pacific West Region of the National Park. My appointment to the Stakeholders group will serve the interest of each of these units.

In addition, staff at Channel Islands has conducted a 27-year kelp forest monitoring program and intertidal monitoring program which provides me, as well as the Department of Fish and Game, academic institutions and the National Marine Sanctuary with personal and scientific knowledge of the marine resources. The park has assisted in the inventory of monitoring of marine resources around Catalina, San Nicholas and San Clemente Islands as well as the Cabrillo National Monument coast.

During my entire 27-year career with the National Park Service, I have worked collaboratively with the public on land and water management issues, including subsistence issues where I worked with local communities to discuss the allocation of limited fish and game resources. A personal goal is to listen to all constituencies to ensure the final solution, or spectrum of alternatives created, reflects the interests of the participants.

I have full support from the National Park Service to participate in this process over its entire course.

**1. Able to bring first-hand knowledge and perspective to bear on the marine resources of the MLPA South Coast Study Area.**

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I have been engaged in the MLPA process by attending public meetings. I have studied the MPA process that occurred surrounding the Channel Islands National Park and I participated in the entire process of developing the federal MPAs within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

**2. Able to balance a south coast regional perspective with localized knowledge.**

The Channel Islands National Park along with Santa Monica National Recreation Area and Cabrillo National Monument comprise the Mediterranean Network of the Pacific West Region of the National Park. As a network we meet quarterly to discuss the issues, challenges and needs of each of our units; however we also discuss how we can better partner with communities, academic institutions, Chambers of Commerce and special interest groups throughout the Southern California Bight. These partnerships provide me with a broad base of localized knowledge. My appointment to the Stakeholders group will serve the interest of each of these units as well as the National Park Service as a whole.

**3. Willing to express fundamental interest and to clearly convey the interests of one or more stakeholder groups.**

I am willing to express my personal fundamental interests and to clearly convey the interests of the National Park Service and participating stakeholder groups. I have demonstrated this willingness as a member of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and in various planning processes, including the Department of Interior Ocean Initiative Taskforce and the development of the National Park Service Pacific West/Alaska Region Ocean Strategy.

**4. Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interest of the full range of constituencies.**

Currently, I am member of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. The role of the Advisory Council is to assure continued public participation in management of the Sanctuary. Since its establishment, the Council has played a vital role in the decisions affecting the Sanctuary, bringing valuable community advice and expertise to the task of assuring effective Sanctuary management. The Council provides a public forum for consultation and community deliberation on resource management issues affecting the waters surrounding the Channel Islands.

The park is also a member of the Abalone Advisory Group who are looking at the recovery and viability of red abalone along San Miguel Island. Until recently, I served on the Abalone Advisory Group. I have delegated this responsibility to one of the marine biologist on staff.

The park also serves as a member of the Trustee Council of the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program. Trustees established the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) to plan and conduct the natural resource restoration work within the Southern California Bight called for under the settlement agreements.

**5. Able to access and use an effective communication network to reach stakeholders not attending all meetings.**

I will utilize the National Park Service Mediterranean Network to communicate with the multitude of partners that include universities, agencies, and nonprofits. I will convey information to park staff and other regional and national individuals in the National Park Service as necessary. This would include transmitting information to other park superintendents throughout the State.

More importantly, I will keep an open line of communication with fellow members of the stakeholders group and represent their positions accurately and fairly to all members of the public.

**6. Committed to completing all aspects of the charge of the regional stakeholder group.**

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